

**Village of Indian Head Park
201 Acacia Drive
Indian Head Park, IL 60525**

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

“Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/c.06 (3) minutes of public meetings shall include, but need not be limited to a general description of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided and a record of votes taken.”

Thursday, January 12, 2012

7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – MAYOR RICHARD ANDREWS

The regular scheduled meeting of the Village of Indian Head Park Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, January 12, 2012 at the Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive, and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Richard Andrews. Village Clerk Joseph Consolo called the roll as follows:

ROLL CALL: JOSEPH CONSOLO, VILLAGE CLERK

PRESENT (AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM):

Mayor Richard Andrews
Trustee Debbie Anselmo
Trustee Brian T. Bailey
Trustee Carol Coleman
Trustee Anne Bermier
Trustee Norman L. Schnauffer

ALSO PRESENT:

Frank Alonzo, Chief of Police/Administration
Steve Busa, Treasurer
Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk
Richard Ramello, Counsel, Storino, Ramello & Durkin
Edward Santen, Water/Public Works Superintendent

NOT PRESENT:

Trustee Matthew P. Walsh (prior personal commitment)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Andrews and the Board of Trustees led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: *"I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all"*.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Andrews and the Board of Trustees paused for a moment of silence in memory of Kelli Joy O'Laughlin and also Lenore Halac, a long time resident and former employee of the Village who passed away.

Mayor Andrews reported that the Cook County Clerk's Office sent an announcement indicating there are local precinct changes in Indian Head Park due to redistricting. He noted one precinct area north of Joliet Road and east of Wolf Road was consolidated with another precinct in Indian Head Park and that there will now be two State Senators for Indian Head Park. Mayor Andrews stated that on the west side of Wolf Road in Indian Head Park State Representative Jim Durkin and State Senator Christine Radagno will continue to represent that area and on the east side of Wolf Road in the Village will be State Representative Mary Flowers. He added there may be some polling place changes due to the redistricting and he encouraged residents to check their precinct and polling places prior to the upcoming election.

Mayor Andrews stated the next issue of Smoke Signals will include an explanation of the referendum questions that will be placed on the March 20, 2012 ballot for voter consideration.

Mayor Andrews asked Police Chief Frank Alonzo to provide an update on the Neighborhood Oversight Council. Chief Alonzo stated that he met with Craig Fisher and Glenn Mann, both residents on the west side of Wolf Road. He added that both Mr. Fisher and Mr. Mann have been very active in gathering volunteers from the community to start a Neighborhood Watch Program, there are two meetings scheduled in January (tentatively January 18th and January 23rd), they are working very hard and the Police Department will also work with the Neighborhood Watch Program representatives. Chief Alonzo stated that Mr. Mann mentioned there are approximately seventy-five (75) volunteers from the community so far who are interested in helping with the Neighborhood Watch Program. He added Mr. Mann is going to Washington D.C. to attend a sheriff's council meeting regarding neighborhood watch programs and once the program has started, neighborhood watch signs can be ordered to be placed throughout the community.

Mayor Andrews noted that the West Central Municipal Conference (W.C.M.C.) had been looking into the concept of several communities possibly joining together to seek competitive bids for alternative electric distribution rates. The W.C.M.C. has decided not to research this matter further as a conference but to have each community determine whether it would be beneficial for each community to pursue individually. Mayor Andrews stated that would be something the Village can look into in the future.

CONSENT AGENDA

Prior to the vote on the Consent Agenda items, Mayor Andrews reported that Walgreens submitted a request to the Village asking for a BB liquor license to be granted for their store location in Indian Head Park. Walgreens currently has a B liquor license for beer and wine carry-out only and BB would allow for the sale of spirits also for carry-out only. He noted an amendment to the sale of liquor section of the Municipal Code is required to issue an additional BB license.

Reappointment of Bob Tantillo to the Planning and Zoning Commission for the term ending January 14, 2013.

Approval of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 5.08 of the Village of Indian Head Park Municipal Code Entitled "Sale of Alcoholic Liquor" to allow for an additional BB Classification Liquor License (Ordinance #2012-1).

Mayor Andrews entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Anselmo, to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5/0/1).

Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer

Nays: None

Absent: Walsh

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS – TREASURER STEVE BUSA

Approval of Financial Report for the month ending November 30, 2011

Approval of Financial Report for the month ending December 31, 2011

Treasurer Busa presented the financial report for months ending November 30, 2011 and December 31, 2011. For the month of November, he noted: total revenues were \$412,014.95; expenditures were \$331,752.95 and fund balances in all accounts at the end of November were \$958,887.43. He noted in November, the Village's share of real estate collections were received in that month. For the month of December, he noted: total revenues were \$141,233.63; expenditures were \$433,960.52 and fund balances in all accounts at the end of December were \$672,799.46. Trustee Schnaufer moved, seconded by Trustee Bermier, to approve the financial report for the months ending November 30, 2011 and December 31, 2011, as presented by Treasurer Busa. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5/0/1).

Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer

Nays: None

Absent: Walsh

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting –December 8, 2011

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting-December 15, 2011

After review of Board meeting minutes, Trustee Bermier moved, seconded by Trustee Bailey, to approve the December 8, 2011 Board meeting minutes, as presented. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5/0/1). After review of Board meeting minutes, Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Schnauffer, to approve the December 15, 2011 Board meeting minutes, as presented. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5/0/1).

QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Don Hoak, of Pontiac Drive, thanked Mayor Andrews and the Board of Trustees for the fine job in handling Village business. Mr. Hoak stated finances are of concern as we enter a budget season. He further stated he believes the Board does not have to pass the prevailing wage rate ordinance each year and passage of such an ordinance prevents competitive bidding for various public projects from non-union operators. Mr. Hoak further stated when he served on the Board as Trustee many years ago a road bond referendum was passed at that time to insure an on-going road program would be funded, there was a fiscal plan in place at that time to allow for roads to be repaired or restored and those projects are not taking place. Mr. Hoak thanked Chief Alonzo for his dedication, commitment and involvement in the community during the recent horrible crime that happened in the Village. Mr. Hoak stated, in his opinion, the community expects as citizens to see a police officer driving through the community every hour in every area and stopping to say hello to residents and he believes the Village has the manpower to do.

Mr. Hoak stated, in his opinion, it is a difficult time to ask the residents to pass a referendum asking citizens for more money. He added the portion of his tax bill going to the Village is about \$1,000 a year, everyone is looking at their budget closely in a slow economy, there is no money for raises even in the private sector and some pension programs are underfunded.

Mayor Andrews pointed out that the Village is not in an underfunded pension program because the Village participates in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. He added the Village Board has voted previously to place referendum questions on the March 20, 2012 ballot for voter consideration, the Board is looking now how to resolve a revenue shortfall that will occur in the future and even if the referendum passes, the Village would not receive those funds until the end of 2013. Mayor Andrews stated in terms of police manpower, the Village has been short one full-time police officer for a few years although coverage of the community has not been affected. In terms of the previous road program bond referendum (a 15 year road bond), roads were fixed over the years with those funds, the Village just paid off the debt this past month but when the payment ended the authority to continue to receive road bond funds also ended.

Mayor Andrews stated the new plan going forward is to ask for an additional \$350,000 of revenue by referendum, which is \$63.15 per 100,000 of a market value home (before any exemptions). He noted that this year (2012) the property taxes in Indian Head Park will be reduced by \$110,000 because of the road bond being paid off, but the Village will also lose the road bond revenue.

Mayor Andrews stated market value of a home is the amount listed on the tax bill and not realtor value for the purposes of determining how the proposed tax would affect the tax bill. Trustee Coleman stated in response to Mr. Hoak's comments about raises, employees have not had a raise in two budget years due to budget constraints.

Chris Metz, of Arrowhead Court, inquired about the reporting of crime reports on the Village's website. He commented there have been no updates since mid-December and suggested that activity since the last report be posted. Chief Alonzo responded to Mr. Metz's comments by stating that the crime alert page on the website was updated a couple of days ago to list any current activity. Mr. Metz asked if there are any other reports that can be made available on line on the website for residents to review. Chief Alonzo stated he is working to develop a plan in the future that will list how many calls were received by the Police Department, the type of call and any crimes that have occurred. He noted some information may be private so each incident needs to be reviewed before any details are released to the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Anselmo, to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline or performance of specific employees. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5/0/1). There being no further business to discuss in executive session, Trustee Schnaufer moved, seconded by Trustee Bermier, to return to the regular meeting. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5/0/1).

Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer

Nays: None

Absent: Walsh

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Bailey moved, seconded by Trustee Anselmo, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 8:20 p.m. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5/0/1).

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Leach, Deputy Village Clerk/Recording Secretary